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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR HAVING 22-KILOS OF MARIJUANA MAILED TO U.S. FROM MEXICO**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy involving almost 22 kilograms of marijuana.

**Charles E. Levingston**, 33, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to four years and seven months in federal prison without parole. **Levingston** also was ordered to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy, including approximately \$10,434.

On May 20, 2005, **Levingston** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute marijuana between July 26 and 29, 2004, in Kansas City. **Levingston** is the second co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On July 28, 2005, **David L. Franklin**, 25, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy.

By pleading guilty, the co-defendants admitted that they conspired to have several packages originating from Mexico delivered to a Kansas City residence.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Franklin** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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